

## **Loudoun News**

### Report from Scott K. York

Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

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Dear Friends:

The summer presents great opportunities for fun around the family or community swimming pool, but at the same time we must remain

vigilant to assure swimming pool safety.

With this in mind I am pleased to present on page two of <u>Loudoun News</u> 10 easy safety tips for all of our residents to read and adhere to -- let's keep summer safe for everyone.

The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission have concluded our joint pub-

lic work sessions on the draft zoning ordinance and it now goes to the Planning Commission for public hearing. More information to follow in the days ahead.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you regarding your thoughts and suggestions.



#### Happy July 4th!



With the onset of the 4th of July Holiday please accept my sincere best wishes for a safe and enjoyable

holiday as we celebrate the 226th birthday of our great nation.

Please keep our brave young men and women serving in the armed forces around the world in your thoughts and prayers.

# "At Your Service!" Brochure on the Web

In response to requests from residents, I am pleased to inform you that our "At Your Service!" brochure is now available on the County's website.

To access the brochure either click on or cut and paste the link below into your web browser. The brochure requires Adobe Acrobat Reader to view it which is available as a free download on the Internet.

http://www.co.loudoun.va.us/pio/docs/

#### 10 Rules for Swimming Pool Safety



It takes only moments for a child to drown, often with no sound of warning. Here are 10

swimming pool safety rules from the National Safe Kids Campaign and the National Safety Council:

- 1. Surround your pool with at least a 5-foothigh childproof fence with latching gates, and add a pool alarm for more protection.
- 2. **Never** leave kids unattended around the pool, and designate a swimming adult to watch over children in the pool.
- 3. Teach kids to swim. Enroll them in classes when they're ready, usually by age 3.
- 4. Teach water safety habits such as no running, pushing or dunking in/near pool.

- 5. Use Coast Guard-approved life jackets to keep kids afloat (don't rely on inflatable toys).
- 6. Remove toys from the pool area when not in use; toys left nearby can attract unsupervised children.
- 7. In case of an emergency, make sure key telephone numbers are posted nearby (also keep rescue and first aid equipment on hand).
- 8. Learn to swim and get certified in infant/child CPR to ensure that you are equipped to handle a drowning emergency.
- 9. Teach children about the dangers of deep and shallow ends of the pool.
- 10. Don't let your kids jump or dive into the shallow end of the pool; make sure the water is at least 5 feet deep for diving to be safe.

#### **Internet Safety**



While the Internet provides great educational resources for our young people, unfortunately there are those who would prey on our unsuspecting youth.

The FBI has an outstanding publication on their web site entitled "A Parent's Guide to Internet Safety" which provides excellent information on this subject matter. To access the publication please click on or cut and paste the following link into your web browser:

http://www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguide.htm